VOCABULARY 2

syntax the way words are put together

simple sentence one independent clause

compound sentence two independent clauses

complex sentence 1 independent clause and 1 or more subordinate clauses

compound - complex 2 independent clauses and 1 or more subordinate clauses

fragment an incomplete sentence

plural rule: consonant “y” change “y” to an “i” and add es to make plural

plural rule: ends in x,z,ch,sh,ss,s add es to make plural

formal writing no slang, no contractions, correct

outline a map or plan for your writing

thesis statement that tells what whole paper is about

contraction shortening two words (can’t, it’s, don’t)

phrase group of words that does not have both a

 noun and a verb

clause group of words that does have a noun and a verb

 (may be dependent or independent)

subordinate clause dependent (cannot stand alone)

independent clause can stand alone - a sentence